



Benson Elementary School

School district: Renton

School location: Renton

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2016

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2017

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Benson Elementary School achieved a recycling rate of 43%.
- The school started a student Green Team made up of 50 fifth-grade students. The team was trained by a Green School's Program representative to help monitor sorting of recyclable materials at lunch time.
- Staff were given talking points to present to students before the recycling program kick-off. The benefits of reducing waste and recycling, as well as what materials can be recycled, were shared in school announcements.
- Green Team members created 3-dimensional posters with actual recyclable materials attached to show students how to sort.
- The school set up a food share table where students could place or take unwanted, unopened packaged school cafeteria foods.
- The cafeteria used reusable trays and bulk dispensers.